

A Full and True

## RELATION,

Of the fortunate Victory gained over the Moors  
by the Garrison of *Tangier*, upon the 27. of  
October, 1680.

UPON the *Moors* refusing to make a Peace, according to the Articles proposed by Sir *Palms Fairbourn* our Lieutenant Governour, while he was alive, and their approaching their Trenches within 12 or 15 yards of our new Work at *Pauls-fort*, and their bringing a Picce of Cannon within a hundred yards of the said Fort: It was resolved in a Council of War, Colonel *Sackville* presiding, to make a Sally the 27. of this instant, at 5 of the Clock in the morning, upon the left hand of *Pauls-fort*, with all the Forces in the Garrison, leaving only the ordinary Guards in the Town.

The Troops at their first drawing out upon the left hand of *Pauls-fort*, were ranked in Battalia in three Lines.

Five Battalions of Foot, consisting of about 250 men, each Battalion with a Battalion of Sea-men, consisting of about 400. men, which have been a Shoar, since the taking of *Pauls-fort*, by order of Admiral *Herbert*.

The six Battalions of Foot was drawn up on the right hand, and being sufficiently covered on that side by the Fort, and the Line of communication between the Town and the Fort,

The three Troops of *English*, and three Troops of *Spanish* Horse, were drawn up on the left hand of the Fort; There was from every Battalion of Foot detach'd 48 Fuzeliers, which were disposed into six severall Plottons upon the head of all the Troops, with the Company of Granadeers of *Dumbartons* Regiment separated upon the right and left hand Plottons, where it was judged the hottest action would be: And a Company of Granadeers of Sea-men in the Center with these Plottons of Foot, who were to make the first Attacks upon the place of Arms, within one hundred yards of *Pauls-fort*, where the Enemy had erected a Battery, and advanced one piece of Cannon; and on the left hand toward the ruines of *Monmouth-fort*, where the enemy had advanced several Trenches, and made a place of Arms.

All the Troops were very near form'd in Battalia, as was designed, with a great silence, before the Enemy took the Allarum, which they took at first from their place at Arms, near *Monmouth-fort*, upon the Advancing of the first Troop of *English* Horse commanded by Captain *Netby*.

The Enemy from their place at Arms, with hideous cry and noise, and firing of small shot, upon us, gave the Allarum immediatly to their Camp.

The Plotton of the Battalion of Guards, commanded by Captain *Fortrey* and Lieutenant *Mackracken*, with the half of the Company of *Dumbartons* Granadeers, and the Plotton of the first Battalion of *Dumbartons* Regiment, commanded by Captain *Julius Lockhart*, and Lieutenant *James Stewart*, with the other half of the Company of Granadeers, were ordered by Colonel *Sackville* to go and attack the place of Arms, where the *Moors* Cannon was, which they did with great  
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courage and resolution. The enemy being numerous in that place, stood firm and defended themselves for a long time, till at last Lieutenant *Mackracken*, with his Granadeers, advancing up very near to their Trench, and bestowing the Granades liberally amongst them, they began to be in Confusion, and surprised at the execution the Granadeers made amongst them; Whereupon, he with his Granadeers, leapt into their Trench amongst them, and was immediately followed by Captain *Fortry*, and Captain *Lockhart* and their Parties, and Lieutenant *Stewart*, with the rest of the Granadeers, where they all behaved themselves very valiantly, and beat the Enemy from that place; and made themselves master of that piece of Cannon of the Enemies, that was there, with the loss of several Granadeers and good Souldiers, Lieutenant *Mackracken* of the Granadeers, was wounded with his hand on the Cannon; Captain *Lockhart* shot through the Thigh, Lieutenant *Stewart* through the Leg.

The Platoon of the second Battalion of *Dumbartons* Regiment, commanded by Captain *Melvil* and Lieutenant *Gordon*, did attack the place of Arms on the left hand near *Monmouths*-fort, at the same time that the Attack was on the right hand, where they had no less vigorous resistance than happy success. For the first Battalion of *Dumbartons* Regiment advanced to the Trenches upon the right hand of that place of Arms, the detachment commanded by Captain *Melvil*, leapt forthwith into that place of Arms amongst the Moors, where they did very great execution; and the Moors seeing the first Battalion advance with so much vigour, and still sustained by the second Battalion of the said Regiment commanded by Captain *Douglafs* of *Spot*, and the Battalion of Seamen commanded by Major *George Barclay*, they abandoned their two first Trenches, and retired themselves behind the old Line toward the Sandy-hills, where they assembled together a considerable body of Foot, and being there under covert from our Shot, the old Line made by the Earl of *Teviot* serving them for a Breast-work, the Major of *Dumbartons* Regiment who commanded there, seeing his Battalion so much exposed to the fire of that enemy, thought it absolutely necessary to undertake to beat them from that Line: Whereupon he commanded his first Battalion, which they did most resolutely, and made the enemy retire precipitantly, and in great disorder; which Captain *Melvils* Detachment perceiving, a Serjeant with fourteen or fifteen Soldiers fell out upon them, where they were carrying off their Colours, and pursued so hotly, that a Foot Colour was taken and brought in by a private Soldier of *Dumbartons* Regiment, which was the first Colour was gained that day: which the enemy perceiving, from the Sand-hill Fort and from *James* Fort they had advanced very briskly, and several of their Horsemen began to enter within the Lines; but the Commandant of the Spanish Horses advancing with his Troop, made the Moorish Horse retire without the Lines again. Colonel *Sackville* finding that *Dumbartons* first Battalion had, till then, sustained, with great courage, the heat of the Action, did then order the second Battalion of *Inchequins* Regiment, commanded by Captain *Giles*, to march up on the right hand near the ruins of the Sand-hill Fort, where the Moors were in great numbers, and made a very vigorous opposition: The said Battalion of *Inchequins* continued for some time in that Post, with very great courage, and extremely exposed to the enemies fire, and throwing of stones from the ruins of the Fort; they sustained great loss of Officers and Soldiers: And Captain *Giles* finding his Souldiers to be weary of their Post, he came and prayed Major *Hacket* to send a Battalion to his relief; whereupon Major *Hacket* ordered him to retire, and took his Post with the Battalions of *Dumbartons* Regiment. The Moors seeing *Inchequins* Battalion to retire, according



ding to their custom upon such occasions, did then advance very resolutely, both Horse and Foot, and would have again entered the Lines: But *Dumbartouns* Battalions gave soon a stop to their courage, and made them quickly run from the said Hill-fort, from whence they had made the greatest resistance. The Major perceiving that they retired from thence to *James Fort*, which flanked his Battalions on the right, and had annoyed them very much during the heat of the Action, thought fit, without any further delay, to attack *James's Fort* likewise: There was a very great number of Moors there, and several Foot-collours planted. The Officers and Souldiers of the two Battalions appeared to be mightily satisfied with the Majors design of attacking that place; whereupon they went on with an unanimous resolution, and within a very short space beat the Moors from *James's Fort*, and from all the Lines on that hand: And the Moors having no further place of refuge there, did make themselves to downright running towards their Camp; and *Dumbartouns* Souldiers pursuing them still, did find them drawing off a small piece of Brass-Cannon of four pound Ball, which they beat the Moors from, and it was brought in by Lieutenant *Robert Innes*, Adjutant to the second Battalion.

Colonel *Sackville* no sooner sees the Moors running, and *Dumbartouns* men still in pursuit of them beyond the Lines; But he, upon the head of the Spanish Horse, did immediately ride over the Lines to pursue them more vigorously, and to bring off the Foot, if any Ambush had been laid for them.

About the same time that *Dumbartouns* Battalions had passed the Lines at *James's Fort*, the Battalion of Seamen had likewise past over the Line near *Monmouths Fort*. The three Troops of English Horse that were commanded to sustain the Seamen, passed the Lines immediately after them, and got to their head very quickly, where they pursued the Moors first into their Camp.

Near the Camp, Captain *Netby* with his Troop of English Horse, took five Foot-collours, and one of them with his own hand.

At that same time, the Major of *Dumbartouns* Regiment, coming up to Colonel *Sackville*, who did not know well what way the enemy had retired from *James's Fort*, the Major therefore, who had taken very good notice, and had pursued them in their retreat, did take Colonel *Sackville* with the Commandant of the Spanish Horse, to a little Valley towards the right of *James's Fort*, from whence the Spanish Horse pursued them just into their Camp; and there was a Collours taken by one of the Commandants Troop. Captain *Langston* was shot in the Leg in the pursuit. Upon the English and Spanish Horses approaching their Camp, they began to carry away their Women with great precipitation.

In the morning, when the Garrison sallied out, four Captains of the Earl of *Dumbartouns* Regiment being then on Guard in *Pauls Fort*, Colonel *Sackville* thought fit to command, out of the Fort, Captain *Lundie* and Captain *Horne*, with 150 men of that Guard, to sally out upon the right hand; And at the same time that the Plottions of Foot with the Granadeers, did attack the place of Arms, they did attack the advanced Trenches that was within twelve or fifteen yards of the Fort, with very great courage and success. They were both dangerously wounded, with the loss of several good men.

Captain *Bows*, Commandant of the Guards, advancing with his Battalion towards the left hand of the place where the Cannon was found, continued there all that day for a reserve till the Cannon was carried off, and the enemies Trenches filled on both sides of the Fort. Major *Boymen* stayed with his Battalion near *Monmouth Fort* for a reserve.

The Admiral *Herbert* had ordered all the Long-boats belonging to his Fleet, to be



be manned, and Armed, and row out towards the Enemies Batteries that they had made use of nine Piece of Cannon to play upon the Mole, and the Ships that lay near, which proved to be very advantageous to our design, by reason it gave a jealousy to the Enemy, and diverted a considerable part of their Forces.

Master *Sheers* ordered all his Mole Horses to be mounted with Men, and Armes; and Captain *Mackenzie* was commanded with them, and sixteen of his own Troop, to March out at the Furrage-gate in the Castle, and without the Spur before *Peterborough* Tower, with a Colours of each Battalion of Foot, within the Spur, and several Drums from each Battalion.

Captain *Mackenzie* gave the Allarum toward *Charles-fort*; at the same time they attacked before *Pauls-fort*.

The Horse that pursued the Enemy to their Camp, returned in good order with little or no loss. The Battalions of *Dumbartons* Regiment continued to keep their Post at *James-fort*, till about four of the Clock in the Afternoon. The Enemy, upon our Retiring of our Horses and Foot within the old Lines, did advance again with Colours into their old Trenches, and behind the little Sand-hill all round from *James* to *Monmouth-fort* within Pistol-shot. The Battalion of Sea-men that was Posted on the left hand of *Dumbartons* Battalions, continued likewise Skirmishing with them till about four of the Clock in the Afternoon; about that time Major *Betman* Ingenier, who had been mightily employed all day, having then ended his Business, and all the Enemies place of Arms being thrown down, and their Trenches filled up; the Signal was given from the Fort to Retire from the Lines, which was observed, with very great Order and Conduct: And the Moors who never had such a defeat from the Garrison of *Tangier*; did not offer to follow us upon our Retiring, according to their former Custome.

There were five Prisoners taken alive, four Colours taken, two Piece of Cannon, many good Arms, both Fire-locks, and Cymetars, and a great deal of rich Plunder of Cloaths, and Silver and Gold, which is a great sign of many of their Officers and best sort of People being killed: to the judgement of all that was in that Action, they lost 400 Men.

There was left within our Lines a great many of their bodies, and about thirty six of their heads cut off and brought in, whereof the Sea-men had great store. The next day we gave back their Bodies and Heads to them to bury.

This happy Victory we obtained with the loss of a great many of our best Officers and Souldiers; whereof I cannot give an exact account, save of the two Battalions of *Dumbartons* Regiment.

To render Justice to every one, All the Officers in general behaved themselves with great Conduct and Courage.

And to do Justice to the Moors, They Fought, most bravely for the space of two hours, and especially their Horsemen did the hardest and boldest things that ever was seen done: But they were not numerous; for there was not seen above 150 Horsemen.

The Prisoners we took, confess they had not above 3000 Foot, and 150 Horse commanded by the *Alcade of Tunis*.

All the Officers both *Scots* and *English*, behaved themselves in this Action, with a great deal of bravery and resolution; and particularly Lieutenant Collonel *Talbot*, who carries to His Majesty the good news of this Victory.

This is a true Relation of the Action.

Sic Subscribitur, Major J. A. HACKETT.